

### REMARKS

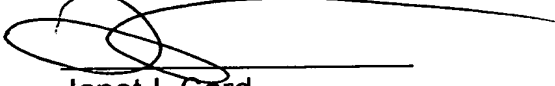
Claims 1 and 2 are in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to define  $R_2$  as a  $C_2$  to  $C_8$  linear or branched alkyl.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph on the basis that a  $C_1$  compound aminal is not stable. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons presented in the previous response.

The Examiner states that the diethanol amine  $C_2$  linking group was not the basis of rejection.

Therefore, based on the amendment of claim 1 it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn. it is submitted that this application is condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

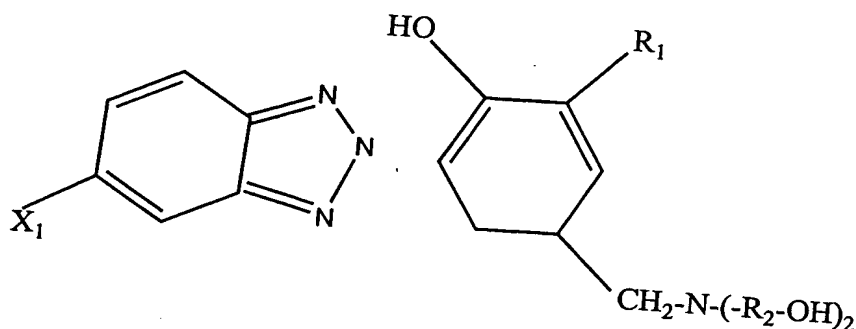


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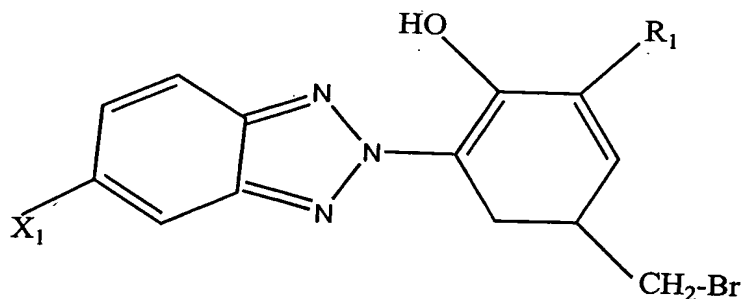
### In th Claims

1. (amended) A process for the preparation of a diol functionalized UV absorber of of [having the general] formula 1



Formula 1

where  $R_1$  is hydrogen, tert-butyl;  $X_1$  is selected the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, tert-buly and  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  alkoxy;  $R_2$  is  $[C_1]$   $C_2$  to  $C_8$  linear or branched alkyl, said process comprising reacting a bromo-functionalized benzotriazole UV absorber [having the general] of formula 4.



Formula 4

wherein  $R_1$  is hydrogen, tert-butyl;  $X_1$  is selected the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, tert-butyl and  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  alkoxy, with diethanol diamine in an organic solvent under reflux at a temperature in the range of 70 to 90 °C for a time period ranging from 5-8 hrs, removing the solvent recrystallizing the resultant compound to obtain the desired pure compound.